## DEMAND XXVI—PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION Rs. 5,500.

**MR. C. P. GOPALA PANICKER:** I move for a sum of Rs. 5,500 under Demand XXVI Public Health and Sanitation. As the House knows, we had some free supply of milk and Government made the necessary arrangements for the distribution of it till the end of 1945. Seeing that some quantity is still left for distribution, Government propose to continue the distribution until the end of the current year. For this purpose an amonnt of Rs. 5,500 is required. The milk is supplied free of cost. Only the establishment and the transport charges have to be met out of this allotment. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the amount.

**PRESIDENT:** I may add that the Government have also asked the Government of India and the South African Government who have some extra milk to spare, to give us some more milk.

The question that Government may be granted a sum of Rs. 5,500 under Demand XXVI Public Health and Sanitation for the continuance of the Milk Canteen scheme, was put and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

## DEMAND XXXII.—MISCELLANEOUS DEPARTMENTS Rs. 27,750.

**MR. B. PARAMU:** I move for a grant of Rs. 27,750 under Demand XXXII Miscellaneous Departments.

This amount comprises the following items: An additional allotment of Rs. 3000 is necessary to meet the additional cost caused by the revision of pay of the menials of the museum. This expenditure was not anticipated when the budget estimate for the current year was framed. Of the balance of Rs. 24,750, a sum of Rs. 20,000 is required to meet the expenses on account of the maintenance of the Zoo animals. The provision made for the purpose in the current year's budget is now found to be inadequate and hence this demand. A sum of Rs. 1,750 is required to meet the expenditure on account of the formation of an Agri-Horticultural Society in Trivandrum. This expenditure was not anticipated when the current year's budget estimate was prepared. Further a sum of Rs. 3000 is required for the purchase of Zoo animals for this year. Out of Rs. 7,500 provided for the purpose in the current year's budget. Rs. 3880 was spent for the animals already purchased this year and Rs. 2807 had to be paid to the Transport Dept. as hire charges for the lorries engaged for transporting animals. A sum of Rs. 1135 has still to be paid on account of transport charges. The total allotment required thus comes to Rs. 27750. I request that the grant may be made.

**PRESIDENT:** By way of explanation, I may add that it was found that on account of the tremendous rise in prices of beef, mutton, eggs and other things, the allotment that was made for the purpose was insufficient and that the animals were losing condition. It was therefore, considered that greater allotment should be made. That is the main portion.

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MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I want to speak on this motion. The Secretary stated that the additional amount of Rs. 3.000 on account of pay of menials was not contemplated at the time when the annual budget was prepared. I do not know how it could be so.

In the second place, my friend said that an agri-horticultural society is about to be formed. One gentleman wrote to me that such a society is about to be formed here and invited me also to be a member thereof. I wrote back to him to give me details about the Society and also sought an interview with him so that the matter may be discussed, so that I may be able to give whatever help that was in my power to give. I am yet to get a reply from him. I do not know whether it is to aid that gentleman this society is to be formed. At any rate, I do not see the necessity for a agri—horticultural socicy be attached to the Public Gardens. Moreover, the House is yet to get enlightenment as to what is the nature of the society, how it is to be formed, what work it will perform and such other details.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the honourable member give the name of the gentleman?

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: I am not in a position to give the name. Speaking for myself, I am under a difficulty to know what exactly the society is for what the functions of the society will be. I will be very much obliged to the Secretary if he will enlighten me on these points. It is only in the fitness of things that we on this side of the House is given information on these points, so that when we give a vote, it will be a considered vote.

PRESIDENT: As this matter is within my knowledge, and I was responsible for the suggestion I may indicate the scope of the activities of the horticultural society.

Honourable members may be aware that in Bombay, Madras and Calcutta, there are agri-horticultural societies which have done valuable work in acclimatising and improving fruit trees. Recently a gentleman who has devoted 15 years to the introduction of new and useful varieties of fruit trees in the Tanjore District visited us. The Madras Government have been using his seedlings and his plants for their own purposes and have derived considerable benefit and new varieties of mangoes, Sapedilla and pineapples have been introducbd as a result of careful work. It was considered that as a part of the Grow More Food Campaign, and as a part of the general development of the State, a person who has experience in this line should be asked to come here for a year and train local people. But that is different from the founding of the horticultural society. This society is one to be formed of non-officials and officials within the State. The amount that is now required is for the inauguration of the Society so that it may utilise the services of either this gentleman or any other expert to the end of improving what may be called our fruit and plant production.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 27,750 under Demand XXXII—Miscellaneous Departments was put and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

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**RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR :** I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 1,740 under Demand XXXII—Miscellaneous Departments for boring a tube well at Edapalayam shooting camp. Edapalayam shooting camp is situated within the game sanctuary, almost in the middle of the Periyar Lake. Distinguished visitors.....

**PRESIDENT :** There is a slight inaccuracy about this, because the Edapalayam shooting camp is a non-shooting camp. It is a camp where shooting is not allowed.

**RAO BAHADUR T. V. VENKATESWARA AIYAR :** Distingnished visitors including Maharajas, Governors and Viceroys camp at Edapalayam non-shooting camp (where shooting is not allowed) with a view to enjoy the scenery and to see the wild game that is seen closeby. It was found that the water supply in this camp is very inadequate, because it depended on the Periyar Lake. Last year on account of very short rainfall, the water level in the tank bed fell and it also became rather unpalatable. Therefore, it was decided to start boring operations for the purpose of obtaining good drinking water for distinguished guests. Hence the necessity for this demand. I request honourable members to grant this demand.

The question is that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 1,740— under Demand XXXII—Miscellaneous Departments for boring a tube well at Edapalayam non-shooting camp was put and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

## DEMAND XL—DEBT HEADS—ADVANCES—Rs. 4,00,000.

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS :** I beg to move for a grant of Rs. 4,00,000 under Demand XL—Debt Heads—Advances. This amount is required for the purchase of manures. Certain bills which were expected to come from the Government of India for payment as cost of the manure that was received in 1120 did not arrive in time and therefore we had to pay those bills during this year, that is, 1121. Hence the amount that was provided for this year has already been paid up to clear the arrears of the previous years. We have already placed more orders for manures and we shall have to pay for them. To pay for these, an amount of Rs. 4,00,000—is required. The amount comes under Debt Head and it will be recouped in due course. I request that the House may be pleased to grant this demand.

**MR. P. O. THOMAS :** May I know how the arrears accrued?

**PRESIDENT :** The Government of India did not send their bills in time. They have been supplying manures to us and they took some time to send their bills. These bills came long after provision was made in the Budget. Now we have to pay them. As a matter of fact payment has been made. It is only a question of book-adjustment.

**MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE** (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*) : May I know whether the manures have been taken delivery of?

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